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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 85-28

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS
ALL LICENSED HOMEFINDING AGENCIES

SUBJECT: AFDC-FC ELIGIBILITY FOR PLACEMENTS WITH LICENSED HOMEFINDING AGENCIES

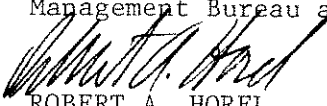
The Department has recently received several questions on placement and care responsibilities and eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) funding when placements are made through a licensed homefinding agency (HFA). This letter clarifies Department policy on the subject.

AFDC-FC regulations (Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS), 45-101(u)) define a homefinding agency as "... any individual or organization licensed by the department and which is engaged in finding exclusive-use homes for placement of persons of any age for temporary or permanent care, or adoption." Exclusive-use homes are defined (EAS 45-101(n)) as "... a family residence certified by a licensed homefinding agency and issued a certificate of approval by the agency as meeting licensing standards, and used exclusively by that homefinding agency for placements."

In order for placements to be eligible for AFDC-FC funding in HFA exclusive-use homes (EUHs), the following conditions must be met:

1. The agency vested with placement and care responsibility by the juvenile court must retain such responsibility and cannot delegate this responsibility to the HFA. The placement and care agency is required to provide all AFDC-FC services specified in Eligibility and Assistance Standards 45-201.4.
2. The placement and care agency must approve any changes in services provided by the HFA including recommendations concerning changes in placement into other EUHs or an HFA affiliated group home.
3. Placements into exclusive-use homes must be made through the HFA. Placements cannot be made directly into the EUH without the HFA's involvement and concurrence.

Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Foster Care Program Management Bureau at (916) 445-0813 or ATSS 485-0813.


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